



Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
Child Care Subsidy Monthly Report

April 2025

The following report reflects information contained in the Child Care Data System (CCDS) administered by the DESE Office of Childhood. Unless otherwise noted, data consists of un-duplicated counts of children and families participating in the subsidy program for the identified month.
Database as of May 5, 2025.

SECTION 1: CHILD CARE HOUSEHOLD APPLICATIONS

*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

	April 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Submitted	4,313	23.1%	34.6%
Approved	2,500	-8.7%	0.9%
Rejected	1,274	5.9%	-1.5%
Pending	1,092		
15 Days or Less	46		
More Than 15 Days			
Total Pending	1,138		

SECTION 2: NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN APPROVED FOR SUBSIDY

		April 2025	March 2025	February 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Approved Households	Income	17,737	17,279	16,528	2.7%	7.3%
	Protective Services	3,926	3,774	3,625	4.0%	8.3%
	Total	21,660	21,049	20,149	2.9%	7.5%
Approved Children	Income	27,149	27,147	26,719	0.0%	1.6%
	Protective Services	6,607	6,767	6,734	-2.4%	-1.9%
	Total	33,707	33,870	33,404	-0.5%	0.9%

SECTION 3: CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

Children Served	Income	20,052	19,101	18,491	5.0%	8.4%
	Protective Services	4,700	4,584	4,473	2.5%	5.1%
	Total	24,740	23,678	22,951	4.5%	7.8%
Payments		\$22,963,736	\$20,180,664	\$20,767,428	13.8%	10.6%
Average Payment Per Child		\$928	\$852	\$905	8.9%	2.6%

SECTION 4: TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE SUMMARY

	Level 1 (151-185% FPL)			Level 2 (186-215% FPL)			Level 3 (216-242% FPL)		
	April 2025	March 2025	February 2025	April 2025	March 2025	February 2025	April 2025	March 2025	February 2025
Approved Households	486	405	340	145	122	98	55	43	33
Children Served	798	695	623	209	185	170	72	59	49
Payments	\$571,573.67	\$495,658.55	\$472,582.12	\$160,290.08	\$136,028.70	\$126,570.06	\$51,930.95	\$37,309.29	\$38,166.34
Average Payment per Household	\$322	\$323	\$312	\$336	\$316	\$313	\$350	\$340	\$363
Average Payment per Child	\$321	\$324	\$324	\$352	\$345	\$352	\$352	\$366	\$378

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SECTION 5: CHILDREN SERVED BY AGE

Children Served April 2025		Payments April 2025
Under Age 1	1,146	\$1,785,077
AGE 1	2,813	\$4,690,101
AGE 2	3,644	\$4,078,298
AGE 3	4,074	\$3,605,423
AGE 4	3,722	\$3,208,361
AGE 5	2,948	\$2,216,893
AGE 6	1,526	\$850,939
AGE 7	1,233	\$597,216
AGE 8	1,052	\$553,014
AGE 9	884	\$457,412
AGE 10	692	\$346,619
AGE 11	522	\$304,875
AGE 12	328	\$172,372
AGE 13	128	\$70,424
Age 14 and Over	28	\$26,584
Total	24,740	\$129
		\$22,963,736

SECTION 6: APPLICATIONS BY STATUS AND REGION

April 2025

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Applications Received		Applications Approved	Applications Rejected	Percent Rejected	Total Resolved	15 Days or Less	More Than 15 Days	Percent Over 15 Da..
Cape Girardeau	334	151	128	27.3%	279	78	3	3.7%
Columbia	153	63	60	27.6%	123	48	4	7.7%
Jefferson City	233	100	100	28.7%	200	64	2	3.0%
Macon	93	46	32	25.8%	78	25	1	3.8%
Not Selected	1,405	1,048	181	9.2%	1,229	316	16	4.8%
Raytown	677	360	255	25.1%	615	175	10	5.4%
Springfield	317	171	123	23.7%	294	84	4	4.5%
St. Louis	1,101	561	395	24.8%	956	302	6	1.9%
Total	4,313	2,500	1,274	20.3%	3,774	1,092	46	4.0%

SECTION 7: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY REGION

April 2025

Region	Education	Employment	Homeless	Incapacitated Pare..	Job Search	Not Available	Protective Services	Special Need	Training	Grand Total
Cape Girardeau	147	1,436	28	7	309	81	685	25	9	2,520
Columbia	95	712	30	7	185	66	284	9	20	1,269
Jefferson City	81	837	17	8	220	75	416	7	12	1,556
Macon	41	378	7	2	79	24	189	5	4	679
Not Selected	449	3,449	83	12	937	243	1,050	39	98	5,195
Raytown	460	2,593	189	15	946	217	778	39	112	4,754
Springfield	182	1,396	48	4	355	91	644	23	20	2,544
St. Louis	832	5,056	333	44	1,467	480	943	80	146	8,332
Total	1,836	12,384	673	87	3,550	1,035	3,950	188	321	21,660

SECTION 8: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN

	Households			Children		
	April 2025	March 2025	February 2025	April 2025	March 2025	February 2025
Education	1,836	1,767	1,678	2,982	2,973	2,936
Employment	12,384	11,938	11,309	21,055	21,075	20,735
Homeless	673	628	567	910	853	794
Incapacitated Parent	87	84	77	140	134	126
Job Search	3,550	3,497	3,361	2,996	2,985	2,816
Not Available	1,035	1,050	1,087	2,180	2,252	2,354
Protective Services	3,950	3,799	3,650	6,648	6,813	6,780
Special Need	188	176	165	292	279	269
Training	321	314	300	510	518	513
Total	21,660	21,049	20,149	33,707	33,870	33,404

SECTION 9: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY RACE

	April 2025	March 2025	February 2025
African American (Black)	16,015	16,036	15,794
American/Alaskan Native	299	304	294
Asian	92	95	98
Caucasian (White)	12,553	12,665	12,538
Multi-Racial	3,545	3,562	3,499
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl..	58	58	56
Other	553	552	536
Prefer not to answer	625	627	627
Unknown	5	8	8
Total	33,707	33,870	33,404

SECTION 10: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY ETHNICITY

	April 2025	March 2025	February 2025
Hispanic	5.9%	5.9%	5.8%
Non-Hispanic	90.7%	90.6%	90.6%
Prefer not to answer	3.5%	3.6%	3.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



SECTION 11: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME

April 2025

*excludes Protective Services households

Household Size	Approved Households	% of Total Households Last Month along Table (Down)	Average Household Monthly Income
0	0	0.0%	\$2,343
1	365	1.7%	\$46
2	6,191	28.6%	\$909
3	6,864	31.7%	\$1,140
4	5,014	23.1%	\$1,304
5	2,665	12.3%	\$1,389
6	1,240	5.7%	\$1,360
7 or More	964	4.5%	\$1,257
Total	21,660	100.0%	\$1,021

SECTION 12: CHILDREN SERVED AND AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CHILD BY FACILITY

Provider Type	Provider Facility Type	April 2025			March 2025			February 2025		
		Children Served	Payments	Average Paymen..	Children Served	Payments	Average Paymen..	Children Served	Payments	Average Paymen..
Exempt	Exempt Program	550	\$336,162.15	\$611	532	\$267,489.62	\$503	576	\$314,005.87	\$545
	Six or Fewer	1,021	\$599,344.66	\$587	979	\$507,303.52	\$518	968	\$524,268.20	\$542
License Exempt	Religious Organization/ Nursery School	1,711	\$1,170,876.16	\$684	1,662	\$1,158,308.59	\$697	1,621	\$1,181,096.54	\$729
Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	20,198	\$19,973,536.93	\$989	19,303	\$17,423,754.11	\$903	18,624	\$17,956,134.86	\$964
	Licensed Family Child Care Home	841	\$600,539.64	\$714	800	\$571,770.30	\$715	773	\$560,253.08	\$725
	Licensed Group Child Care Home	495	\$268,624.37	\$543	480	\$246,440.29	\$513	451	\$231,001.68	\$512
Total		24,740	\$22,949,083.91	\$928	23,678	\$20,175,066.42	\$852	22,951	\$20,766,760.23	\$905

SECTION 13: PAID AND CONTRACTED PROVIDERS

*Includes contracted providers and providers in the process of renewing their contract.

Contracted Providers	Exempt	Exempt Program	189	187	187
		Six or Fewer	657	656	652
	Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	1,318	1,311	1,308
		Licensed Family Child Care Home	235	234	230
		Licensed Group Child Care Home	64	64	63
	Licensed Exempt	Religious Organization/Nursery School	120	118	117
Total			2,583	2,570	2,557

SECTION 14: CHILDREN RECEIVING OTHER STATE ASSISTANCE

	April 2025	March 2025	February 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP)	2,142	1,971	1,881	8.7%	13.9%
Low Income Housing	2,124	2,038	1,876	4.2%	13.2%
Medicaid	14,680	13,950	13,106	5.2%	12.0%
Food Stamps (SNAP)	14,944	14,299	13,607	4.5%	9.8%
Temporary Assistance (TANF)	670	635	598	5.5%	12.0%
Total	17,895	17,044	16,159	5.0%	10.7%